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1801-1850

49-1 E. Montgomery St. (South side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

The houses along the south side of the unit block of E. Montgomery St. include some of the earliest Federal style, two and a half story brick houses built in the area. 1, 3, and 9 E. Montgomery St. are all three bays wide and were built before 1805. The other two and a half story houses on the street are two bays wide and were built between 1809 and 1825. These include 11 E. Montgomery St. and the pairs of houses at 5-7, 17-19, 25-27, and 29-31 E. Montgomery St. 13 E. Montgomery St. is a three story, two bay wide gable-roofed house built in the late 1840's, as was its neighbor, 15 E. Montgomery St., which, however, has since been remodeled and now has a shed roof and bracketed cornice. 21-23 E. Montgomery St. are three story, two bay wide "half houses" with front gable roofs and two story high rear additions. 33-35 E. Montgomery St. are unusual three and a half story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs and dormer windows that run the full length of the roof. The houses are the only survivors of an original group of five such houses built in the late 1840's between 33 and 41 E. Montgomery St. 47-49 E. Montgomery St. are three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornice which are either replacements or enlargements of the original two and a half story houses on the site.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

21-23 E. Montgomery St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED (23)
☒ WORK IN PROGRESS (21)
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED (21)
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO (23)

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE (21)
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☒ OTHER: restoration contemplated (23)

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT(21)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED (23)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of three story, brick, gable roofed "half houses" seem to have replaced original 2 1/2 story houses on the site that formed part of a group of such houses extending along this side of Montgomery St. The houses are two bays wide and have a three story rear addition. 21 E. Montgomery St. is currently being restored, its interior converted into two modern condominium apartments. 23 E. Montgomery St. awaits restoration.

The houses are a full three stories in height; the main structure is 15' wide, the addition is 10' wide, and the houses extend back on their lots about 46'. They are constructed in running bond. The low-pitched front gable roof of the main structure has single rectangular brick chimneys along its east and west ends. A two-tiered brick cornice runs continuously across both facades. The second floor window openings of 23 E. Montgomery St. have segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums. The sills are composed of a row of headers. The third floor window openings of 23 E. Montgomery and all of the openings of 21 E. Montgomery have flat wood lintels and sills. The first floor openings of 23 E. Montgomery currently have no lintels or sills. No original sash remains; the openings of 23 E. Montgomery are either empty or boarded, and the openings of 21 E. Montgomery are currently filled with 1/1 modern sash. No door exists at 23 E. Montgomery; there is a modern six panel door at 21 E. Montgomery surmounted by a three-light transom. The houses sit on high basements. No steps remain at 23 E. Montgomery and the original steps of 21 E. Montgomery have been replaced by a flight of 4 brick steps, with a round arch beneath the wide stoop.

At the present time neither of the houses has its original floor plan intact. The interior of 21 E. Montgomery St. has been completely modified by its current restoration and at sometime in the past the front room of 23 E. Montgomery St. was partitioned to form an entrance hall. Nevertheless, one can gain a good idea of the original floor plan from what remains at 23 E. Montgomery.

Originally, the house consisted of a wide, deep front room on each floor, measuring some 15' x 16 1/2'. The front rooms of the first and second floor had fireplaces. The main structure is linked to its three story addition by a narrow hallway some 7' wide and 8' deep on the first floor. On the second and third floors this passageway extends out over the alleyway the full width of the house. Beyond this passageway a three story addition some 12' in width, extends back another 20'. It is divided into two rooms on each floor. The stairs originally rose from the narrow hallway connecting the main structure with the addition. A door opens from the alleyway to this stair hall, thus allowing access to the second floor rooms without having to go through the main structure. When the first floor front room was partitioned to form an entrance hall, however, an additional low flight of stairs was added at the end of the hall, connecting to the original flight by way of a landing. The first floor front room has a ceiling height of 9', but the addition to the rear has ceiling heights of only 7 1/2' on the first floor and just over 7' on the second and third floors. The front rooms of the second and third floors also have low ceilings--just over 7 1/2' in height.

There are interesting, modified Egyptian-revival inspired door and window frames in
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY the 1st floor front room.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1845-1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John T. Grindall

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These houses are significant as being among the few surviving examples of "half house" designs in the area, and are among the largest known examples of the type, most being two story plus attic designs.

The houses were built by John T. Grindall, an active builder and real estate entrepreneur in the area. 23 Montgomery St. is of interest as having been the home of John Denny, of the firm of Armstrong and Denny, cabinetmakers and undertakers who operated at the north-east corner of Light and Montgomery Streets, in what is today known as the Denny Building.¹ Denny's partner, William Armstrong, was Grindall's brother-in-law.

¹Baltimore City Directory, 1855-56, 1867

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
Washington, D.C. 20240

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION

APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

No name is known

1. NAME OF PROPERTY:

Address of property: Street 819 William Street, corner Churchill Street
 City Baltimore County - State Maryland Zip Code 21230
 Name of historic district in which property is located Federal Hill

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

Three storey brick, "Formstone" on William St. side, painted brick and stucco on Churchill St. side and rear. Built-up type roof. Frame bathroom addition on rear, date unknown. Two storey garage rear of lot, brick stuccoed and painted, built-up roof.

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(use reverse side if necessary)

Believed to have been built about 1850 as housing for craftsmen employed in nearby shipyards. Its only architectural significance is as it is part of the whole neighborhood. If there were significant interior or exterior details, they are not presently apparent.

Date of construction (if known): ca 1850 ☒ Original site ☐ Moved Date of alterations (if known): unk

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name William E. Gilbert
 Street 7 Cooleys Pond Road
 City Gibson Island State MD Zip Code 21056
 Telephone Number (during day): Area Code 301-897-1380 (office) 301-255-6080 (home)

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.

Signature [Signature] Date 11-2-80

For office use only

The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and ☒ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6). ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of said district.

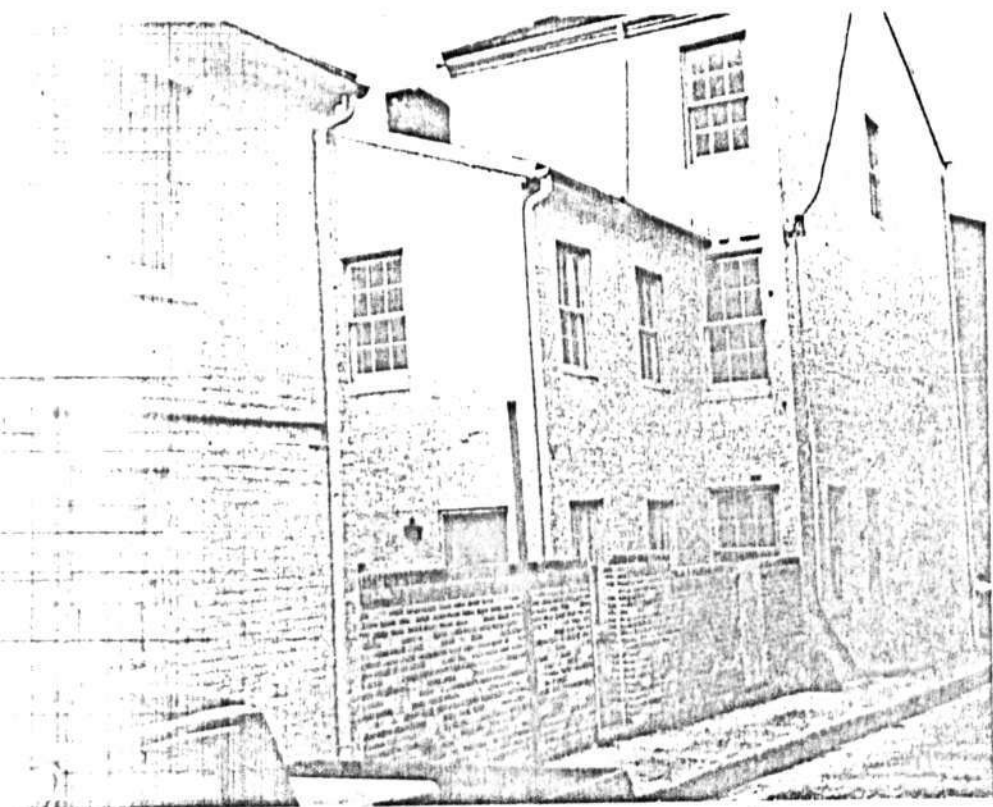
Signature [Signature] Date 12-12-80
 State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954,

☐ is hereby certified a historic structure.

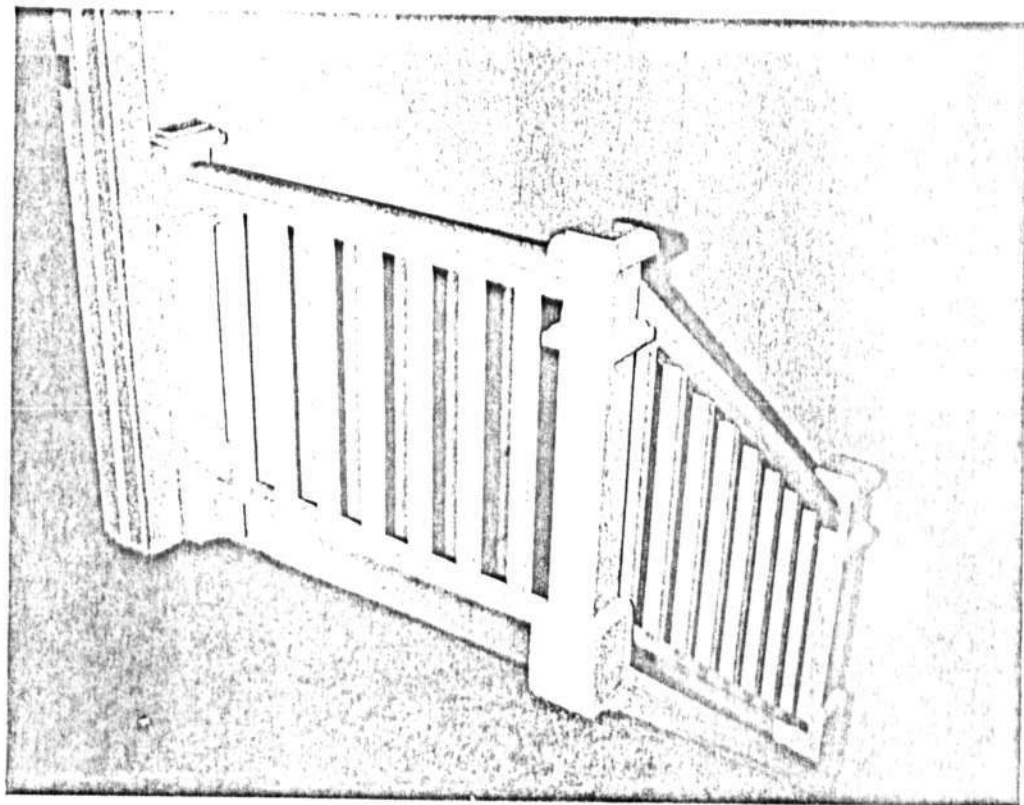
☐ does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet.

Signature _____ Date _____
 Keeper of the National Register



Carriage House and backyard; rear of main House

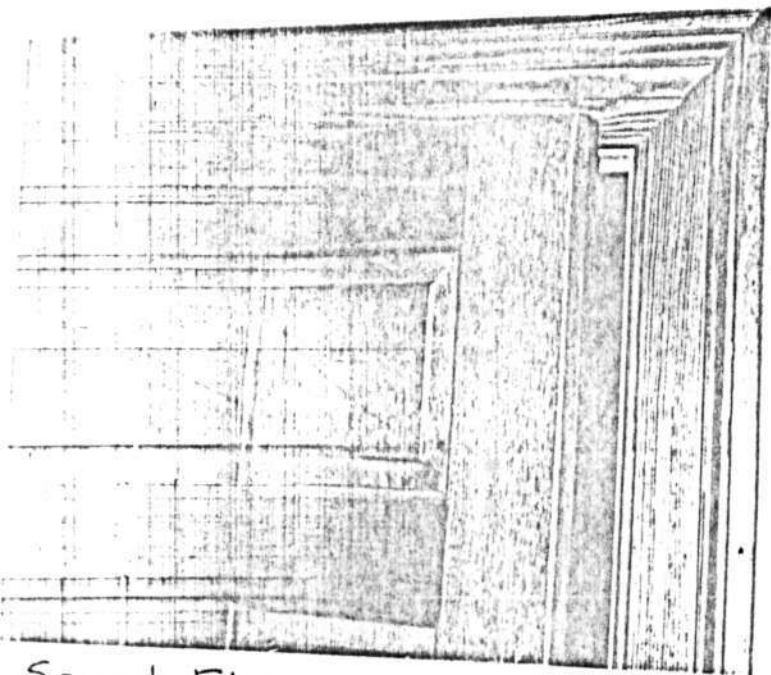
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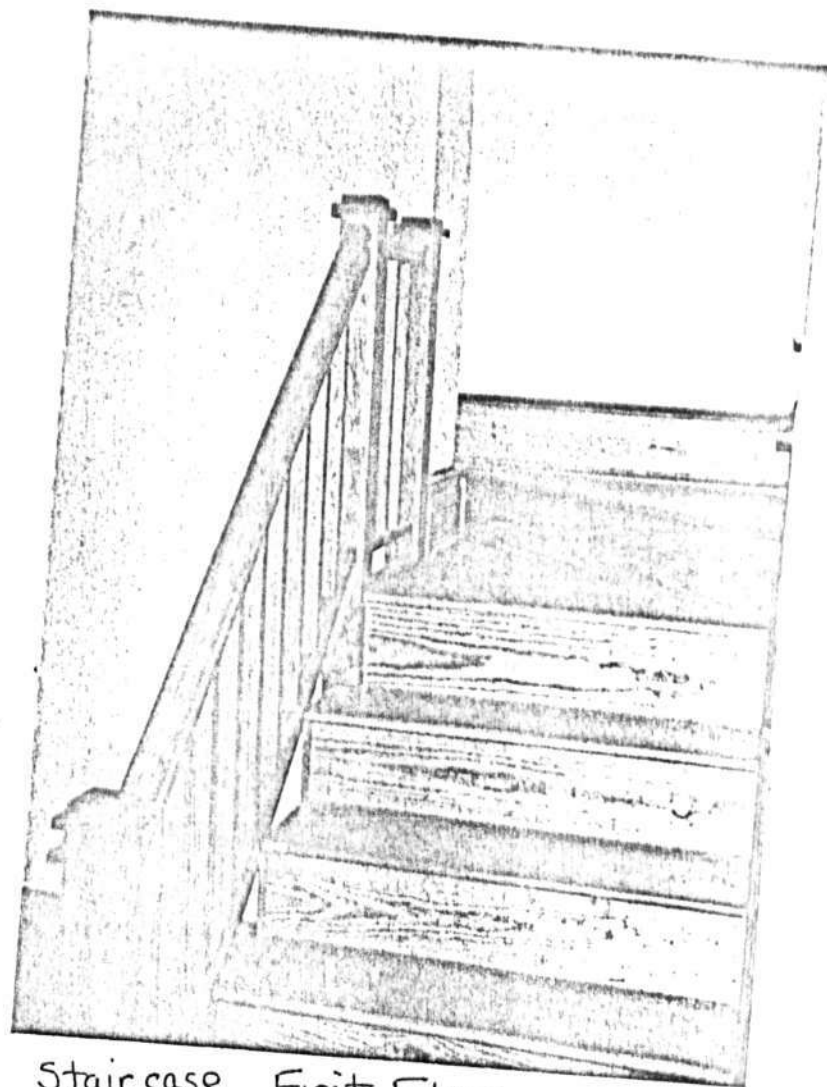
Third Floor
Original Balustrade; stripped and repainted

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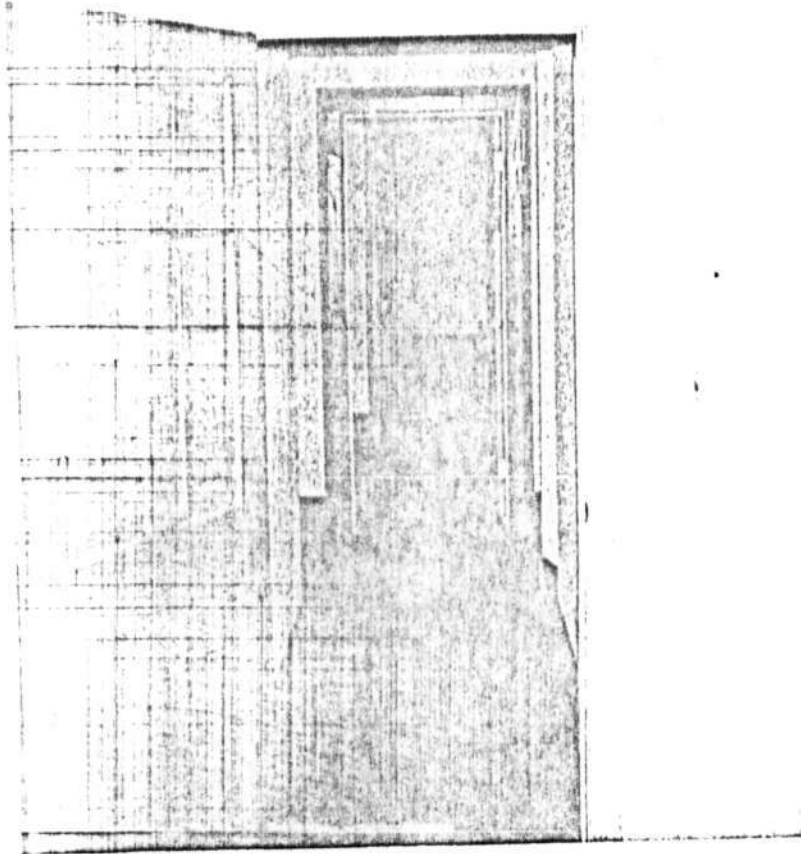
Second Floor
 Example of new door and two-piece
 casing built to replace damaged casing
 This molding is a duplicate of original
 819 William Street



Staircase First Floor

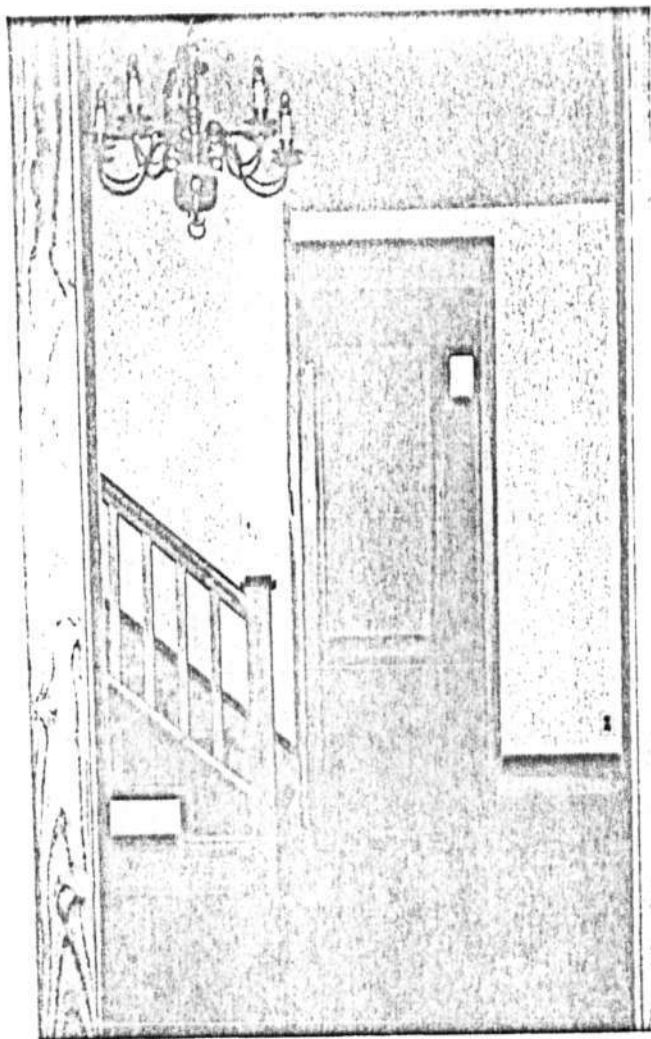
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Second Floor
View from front bedroom toward
rear of house

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View on First Floor from Kitchen
through dining room toward living
room

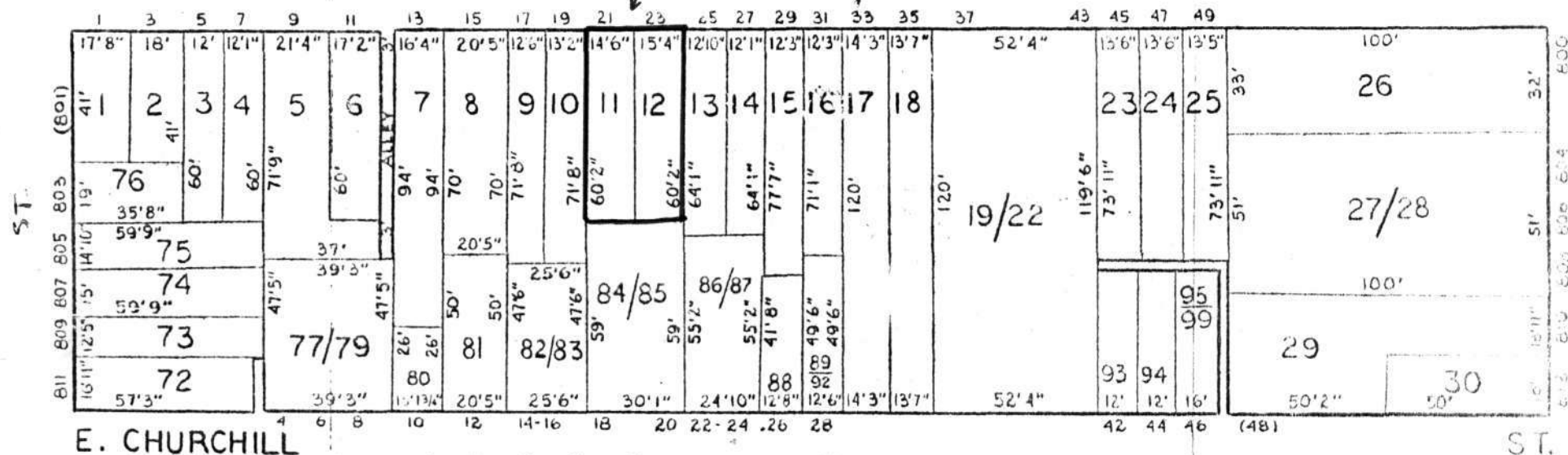
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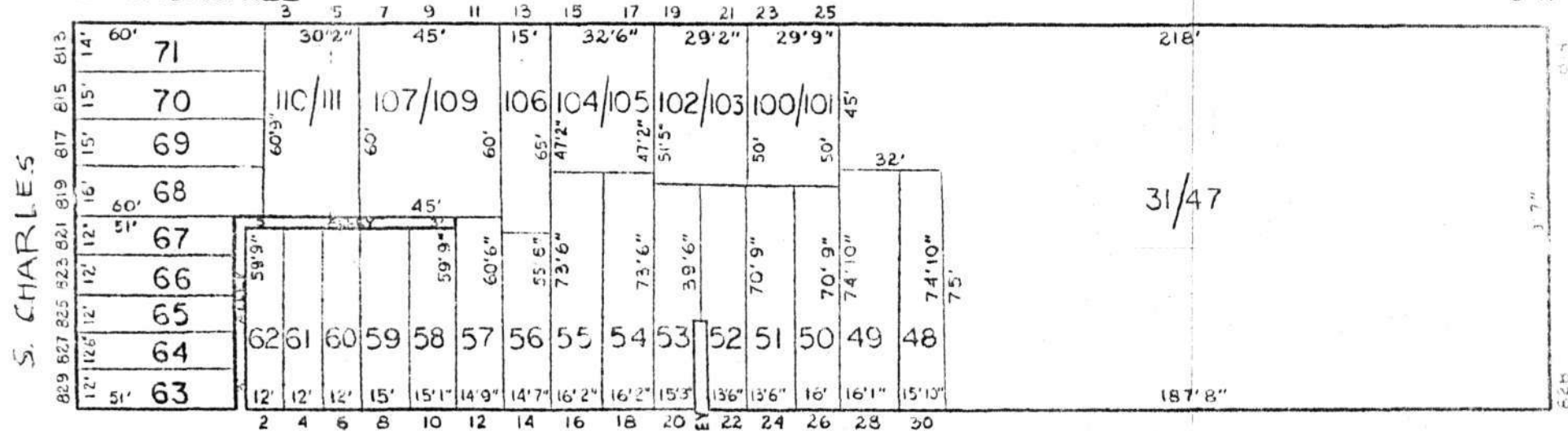
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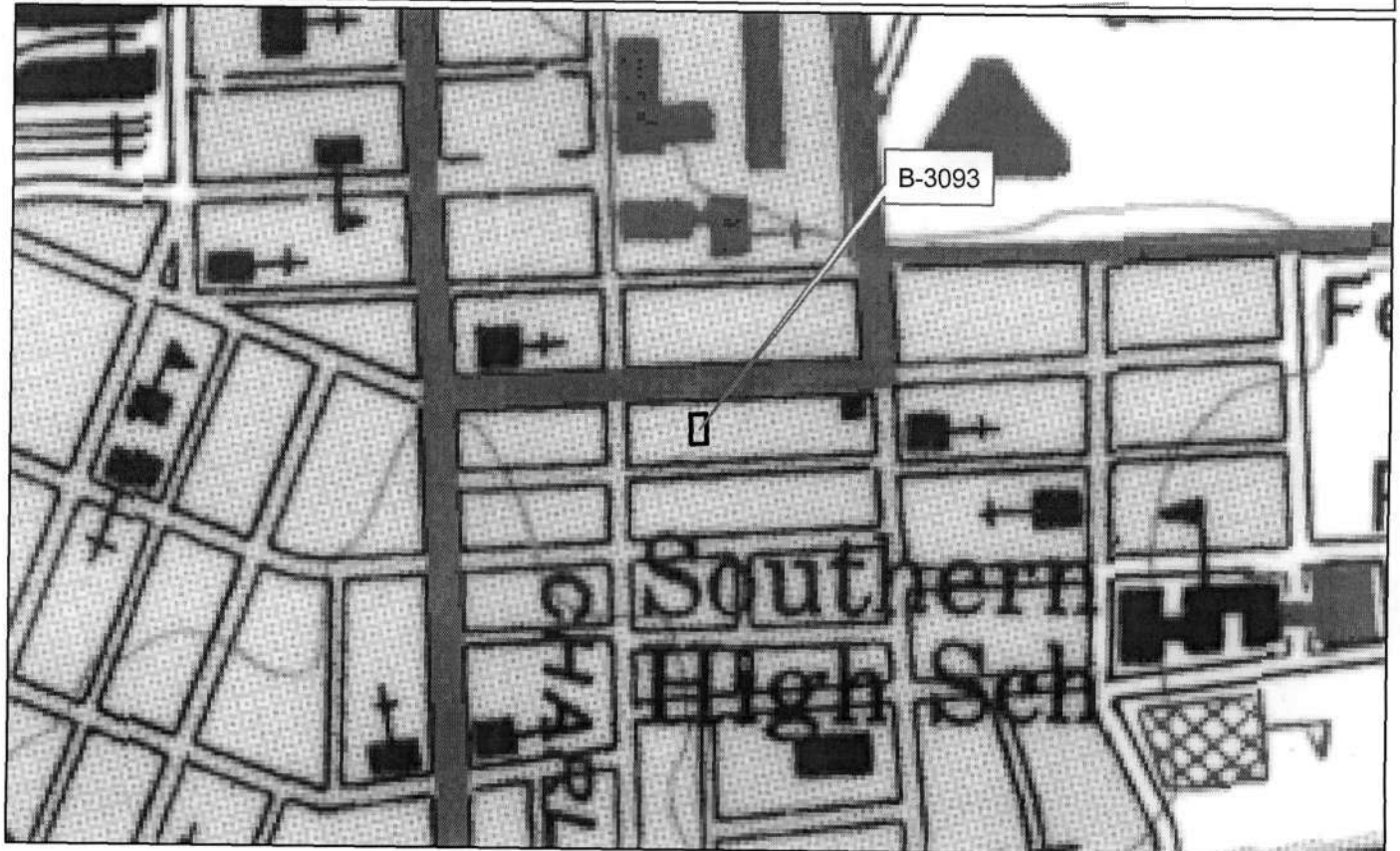
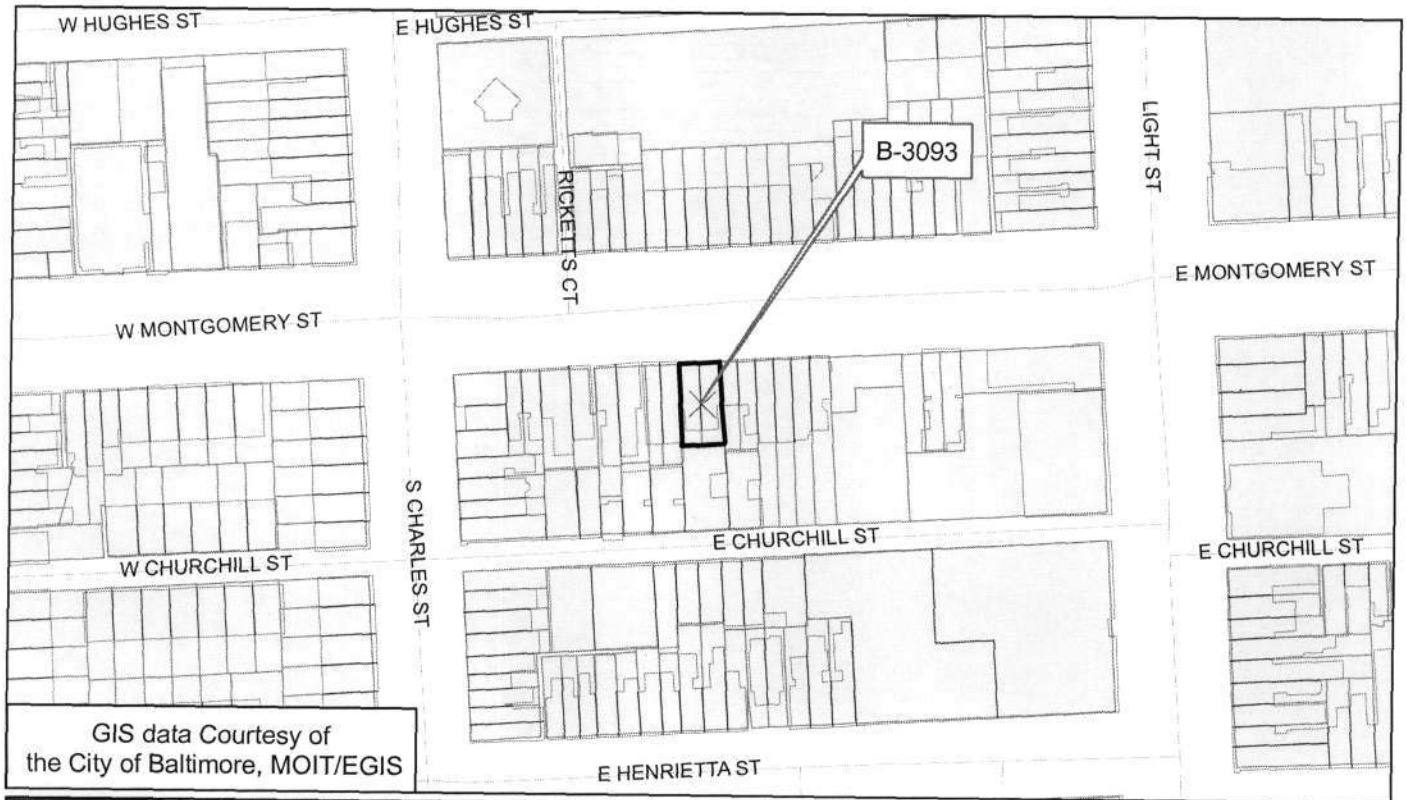


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Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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21-23 E. Montgomery St.

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North elevation